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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Quello:

I am a small cable system owner/operator with five headends serving a total of 1450 subscribers. A breakdown of our five small cable systems is as follows:

<u>HEADEND LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBERS OF SUBSCRIBERS</u>
Boligee, Alabama	382
Sweetwater, Alabama	556
Bellamy, Alabama	160
Forkland, Alabama	179
Providence, Alabama	173

Total subscribers of all 5 cable systems 1,450

I built these cable systems two and one half years ago and still owe over \$1,000,000.00 dollars to various lending institutions for the construcion of these systems.

I undertook a great deal of risk and work to provide cable service to small rural areas where conventional MSO'S wouldn't go. I charge \$22.00 per month for 18 to 20 channels of Basic cable programming and my customers don't bat an eye at the charge. They are just glad to have cable T.V. programming. I have a hard time making ends meet even at the \$22.00 rate. If I roll my rates back 10% to 15% according to the benchmark formula, I wouldn't be able to stay in business very long. I would be in the red after the 1st. month of lost revenue.

My small CATV systems have the same headend startup costs as large CATV systems, but where we serve only a few hundred homes large CATV systems serve thousands. Their operating costs per subscriber are

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far less than ours. Large MSO's also get volume discounts on purchases of supplies and construction materials and have additional sources of revenue through advertising and pay per view. They also get better rates on financing .

I am appealing to you to please reconsider your position on rate regulation of small cable T.V. systems. The present ruling will force my company into bankruptcy. It has already caused a scare in my bank and they have decided to stop all lending to small cable operators which will make it impossible for my company to even add on any additional programming or perform any costly upgrades or line extensions to customers just outside our service area.

I am very confused about the new cable regulations passed by the FCC and have not recieved any information at all concerning the new law. I cannot afford the legal fees and accounting fees that will be necessary for me to incur in order to understand and implement the new FCC rate regulations and perform the cost of service charge whatever they are